

U.S. SENATOR GARY PETERS VISITS NMC'S VACCINATION CLINIC

Northwestern Michigan College (NMC), Grand Traverse County Health Department (GTCHD), Munson Healthcare, and Michigan National Guard were joined by U.S. Senator Gary Peters at NMC's mass vaccination clinic today. Sen. Peters was given a tour of the clinic that just this week surpassed the 40,000 dose mark.



After the tour, GTCHD, NMC, Munson and U.S.

Senator Peters' team gathered for a roundtable to discuss some of the hurdles and successes of the pandemic and what we need to remain resilient as we move through the last leg of the pandemic and beyond.



MDHHS UPDATES GATHERINGS AND FACE MASK ORDER

Effective May 6, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHSS) updated its [COVID-19 Gatherings and Face Masks epidemic order](#) to encourage safer outdoor activities as spring and summer bring warmer weather and new opportunities to go outdoors. Under the new order, which continues through Monday, May 31, masks are generally not required outdoors unless a gathering has 100 or more people.

In addition, anyone who is fully vaccinated and not experiencing symptoms is not required to wear a mask at residential gatherings, including indoors. New guidance for organized sports no longer requires routine COVID-19 testing for fully vaccinated participants if they are asymptomatic. Masks continue to be required for outdoor sports, but are no longer required for practice and during competition for non-contact sports.

- Masks are not required outdoors unless a gathering has over 100 individuals
- Masks are not required for fully vaccinated individuals at a residential gathering
- Masks are not required during active practice and competition for non-contact sports that are played outside
- Large Outdoor Events like a fair, festival, or golf tournament that follow enhanced mitigation measures will be permitted to have 20 persons per 1,000 square feet with no cap.
- Residential gatherings can go beyond the current cap of 50 individuals if they can space people 20 persons per 1,000 square feet.
- Outdoor stadiums with fixed seating:
 - Stadiums complying with enhanced protocols will continue to be allowed to operate at 20% of their fixed seating capacity. For example, a stadium with a maximum capacity complying with enhanced protocols would be permitted to host 8,000 patrons.

- o Otherwise, for stadiums or arenas with a fixed seating capacity of 5,000 or greater without enhanced protocols 1,000 patrons may be gathered (previously 750).
- o For stadiums or arenas with a fixed seating capacity of 10,000 or greater without enhanced protocols 1,500 patrons may be gathered.
- Fully vaccinated youth athletes no longer need to undergo routine screening testing for COVID-19.

WALK-INS WELCOME

The GTCHD continues to plan with community partners for outreach clinics across the county to make the COVID-19 vaccine easily accessible to all. Finalized weekly schedules will be released every Monday for outreach clinics and walk-in clinics. Below are dates, times, and locations where walk-in appointments are available.



Walk-ins are welcomed at the following locations for the week of May 10 - 14:

Monday, May 10

**NMC's Hagerty Center from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
(Johnson & Johnson, 18 and older)**

Tuesday, May 11

**Golden Fellowship Hall (9700 Riley Road Interlochen, MI 49643) from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
(Johnson & Johnson, 18 and older)**

Wednesday, May 12

**NMC's Hagerty Center from 9:00 a.m. to 4 p.m.
(Pfizer - 16 and older, Johnson & Johnson - 18 and older)**

Thursday, May 13

**NMC's Hagerty Center from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.
(Johnson & Johnson, 18 and older)**

*No appointments or preregistration necessary.

VACCINATION CLINIC AT LITTLE FLEET



Vaccination Day for all Traverse City restaurant, business employees, and the general public is coming to Little Fleet

When: Wednesday, May 12th from 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Where: The Little Fleet (448 E Front St, Traverse City, MI 49686)

Vaccines Available: Moderna (2-dose) and Johnson and Johnson (1-dose)

DJ Dusty Staircase will be live, all vaccinations come with free beer.

HOMEBOUND VACCINE HOTLINE IS LIVE: 231-995-6084

The GTCHD continues to partner with local agencies to ensure all that want a COVID-19 vaccine and receive a vaccine, including those unable to physically make it to a clinic or office setting. If you or someone you know requires a home visit to receive a COVID-19 vaccine, please call 231-995-6084. You will have an opportunity to leave a message and someone will get back to you.

GTCHD TESTING AT CHERRYLAND MALL TO PAUSE ON TUESDAY, MAY 11

In preparation for moving COVID-19 vaccinations to the GTCHD's Cherryland testing site, all rapid antigen COVID-19 testing will pause beginning Tuesday, May 11. Appointments are still available May 10 - 11, by following this [link](#). Testing is free of charge and will be completed regardless of symptoms.

Testing is anticipated to resume, dates are still to be determined.



TEN-DAY QUARANTINE

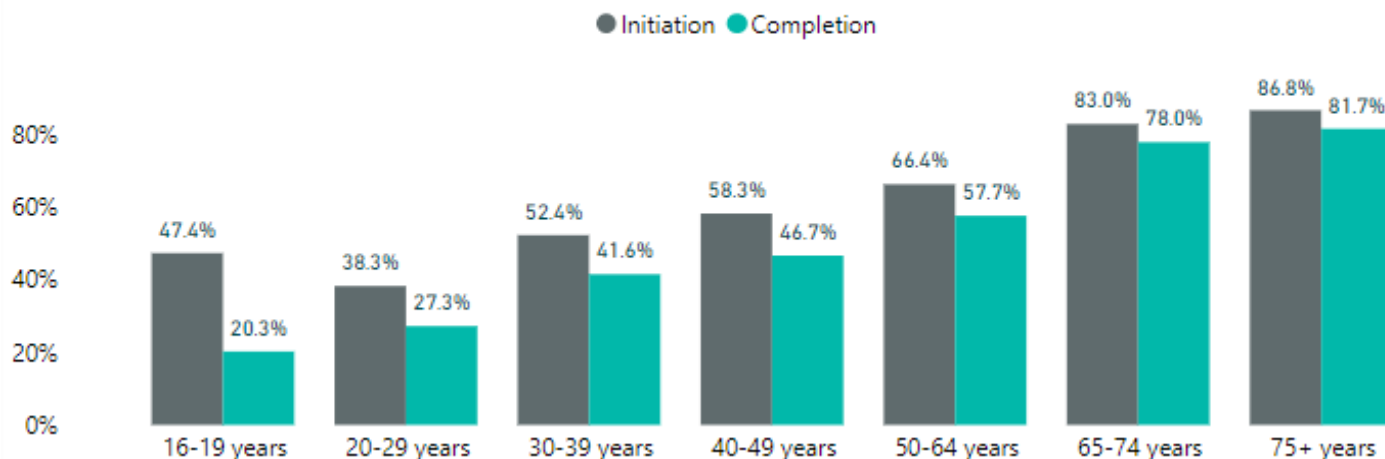
Grand Traverse County has resumed the 10-day quarantine for all close contacts of COVID-19 cases effective May 7th. Those quarantined are asked to monitor for symptoms for days 10-14 days post-exposure

VACCINATION NUMBERS IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY

Grand Traverse County and the Traverse City region continue to do very well overall with vaccination of everyone eligible (anyone 16+). Our current total cumulative coverage is 63% for the initial dose and 53% for completed doses. Vaccination coverage rates for GT County residents by age group based on the MDHHS COVID 19 Vaccination Coverage Dashboard.

Administration Age Group	Initiation Cumulative Coverage	Residents Vaccinated	Population	Completion Cumulative Coverage	Residents Vaccinated	Population
16-19 years	47.4%	1,991	4199	20.3%	851	4199
20-29 years	38.3%	4,113	10733	27.3%	2,926	10733
30-39 years	52.4%	6,153	11748	41.6%	4,883	11748
40-49 years	58.3%	6,305	10809	46.7%	5,051	10809
50-64 years	66.4%	13,207	19889	57.7%	11,479	19889
65-74 years	83.0%	9,703	11686	78.0%	9,118	11686
75+ years	86.8%	6,634	7640	81.7%	6,245	7640

COVID Vaccine Coverage by Age Group



*percentages include all providers, including Munson, local pharmacies, and providers

DOSES ADMINISTERED AT GTCHD VACCINE CLINICS AS OF 5/7/21: 41,444 Total

DOSE	WEEK OF 5/3-5/7	CUMULATIVE (through 5/7/21)
Initiated	108	21,368
Completed	1168	19,694

CURRENT NUMBERS AND TRENDS

In Grand Traverse County, daily cases continue to drop in the county and region. As of May 7th, the 7-day average of new cases was at 17 per day, down from 23 last week. The 7-day average for percent positivity dropped to 9.5% this week. Both metrics have been declining for over 3 weeks. To see direct data, [visit our dashboard](#).

Some local trends of note currently are:

- Currently, there are 928 active COVID-19 cases in the county
- This past week we had 3 deaths, bringing the total cumulative deaths for GT County to 85
- Over 60% of the cases in the last month have been in those less than 50 years of age; this shift reflects the success of vaccination in the 50+ groups;
- Multiple variants have been detected in Grand Traverse County and the Traverse City region at an increasing rate. A new variant, P 1, was detected in 1 testing sample in addition to the previous B.117 and B.1.429 (California) variants of Grand Traverse County residents.
- If you have cold-like, allergy-like, or sinus-like symptoms, please get tested.

CASE NUMBERS AND STATISTICS

CASES SINCE 4/30/21	DEATHS SINCE 4/30/21	CUMULATIVE CASES as of 5/7/21	PERCENT POSITIVITY (7-DAY AVERAGE)	CASES PER MILLION (7-DAY AVERAGE)	COUNTY RISK LEVEL
118 ↓	3 ↑	6,134	9.2% ↓	197 ↑	E

*arrows reflect an increase or decrease from the previous report

Statistics are available on the [MI Safe Start Map](#) and on the Health Department's [dashboard](#) and [Facebook page](#), which updates new case information daily at 5 p.m., Monday - Friday.

It is now even more important that EVERYONE continue to do what works to slow the spread of the virus by wearing their masks properly, socially distancing, avoiding crowds, washing their hands often, and making a plan to get the safe and effective COVID-19 vaccine you can. We all have a personal responsibility to slow the spread of COVID-19 and end this pandemic.

To find the latest statistics regarding COVID-19 vaccinations across the state, you can visit the MDHHS vaccine [dashboard](#).

TESTING AT CHERRY CAPITAL AIRPORT

Voluntary, free, rapid (antigen) COVID-19 testing is now available at Cherry Capital Airport for incoming travelers. The testing group will require proof of passenger travel on the day of testing (boarding pass or itinerary schedule). There is an approximate 30-minute timeline from registration to result. The registration and collection process takes 15 minutes, with results being emailed/texted to patients approximately 15 minutes after sample collection.

Below is their initial schedule, subject to change as flights activities shift heading into summer:

Sunday – 3:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Wednesday – 2:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Friday – 12:00 to 8:00 p.m.

COVID-19 TESTING IN GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY:

Grand Traverse County testing sites include:

[Munson Healthcare Foster Family Community Health Center](#) (priority 1 & 2 only)
[Northwest Michigan Health Services](#) (testing all by appointment)
[Rite Aid at Chums Corner](#) (testing all by appointment)
[Walgreens at Chums Corner](#) (testing all by appointment)
[GTCHD Testing at Cherryland Mall](#) (testing by appointment on Mondays and Tuesdays)
See [Michigan's COVID-19 test finder](#) for more options

Testing sites have capacity and tests are available. Individuals seeking tests can call:

- Their healthcare provider
- The Munson Healthcare Covid-19 hotline: 231-935-0951
- The Michigan COVID-19 hotline: 888-535-6136

ABOUT THE JOC

Grand Traverse County's Joint Operations Center has been meeting to coordinate efforts and communication on the COVID-19 pandemic since Friday, March 13, 2020. Members include key community partners from health, government, first responders, education, social service, and business sectors.

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